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Florida Virtual School® Announces 2017 Teacher of the Year

Orlando, FL (Jan. 26, 2016) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in Florida, recently announced the FLVS representative for the 2017 Florida Department of Education-Macy’s Teacher of the Year award. Representing FLVS as Teacher of the Year is Tim Lauterwasser.

Tim Lauterwasser, lead instructor – U.S. History for FLVS and a resident of Orlando, FL, will compete against his peers from school districts across the state to be recognized as the Florida Department of Education-Macy’s Teacher of the Year. Lauterwasser, who has been with FLVS for more than four years, thrives on engagement with his students and his fellow teachers. He has made several significant contributions including his collaboration with fellow lead instructors, teachers, and instructional leaders/principals that resulted in a uniformed series of training for teachers new to online education. His leadership and creativity have made a significant difference for students and teachers. His creative classroom approaches within the FLVS U.S. History Department resulted in an increase in successful semesters exams and produced some of the highest end-of-course (EOC) scores in the state at 75 percent.

“Florida Virtual School is a pioneer in delivering quality education opportunities, and is constantly transforming its techniques to anticipate the needs of students in any location. I never tire of watching the organization continually revolutionize education and its delivery, one teacher-student relationship at a time,” said Lauterwasser. “I am so privileged to have played a role in making a difference, alongside other educators for whom I have such a profound respect. It is with humble amazement and pride to represent FLVS to other educators, state leaders and the community as the FLVS Teacher of the Year.”

Lauterwasser was one of five finalists nominated to represent FLVS as Teacher of the Year. All the nominees are exemplars in their professionalism and are dedicated to providing the best possible education for their students. Other nominees were: Kim Cloran, FLVS Full Time Physics instructor and a resident of Vero Beach, FL; Kelly Moye, Kindergarten instructor and resident of Winter Haven, FL; Sarah Caughell, Marine and Physical Science instructor and resident of Dunedin, FL; and Colton Tapoler, lead instructor – English 2 and a resident of Lake Mary, FL.

The Florida Department of Education-Macy’s Teacher of the Year is chosen from district nominees by a selection committee comprised of teachers, principals, parents and the business community. Florida’s top educator is selected on the basis of demonstrating outstanding accomplishments in teaching, the ability to communicate with other educators and stakeholders, and exceptional professional and community service. The winner must also show a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities.

For more information about the Florida Department of Education-Macy’s Teacher of the Year program, visit www.fldoe.org.

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Tim Lauterwasser, lead instructor – U.S. History/Practicum Experience Training for Florida Virtual School

About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the United States and the world. A nationally recognized e-learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. For more information on FLVS, visit www.flvs.net.

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